
**TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP
of the
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**June 28, 2011
Minutes**

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. A DIGITAL RECORDING OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Meeting of the Transportation Conformity Working Group was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

In Attendance:

Abrishami, Lori	Metro
Chu, Philip	SANBAG
Morris, Michael	FHWA
Shavit, Avital	Metro

SCAG

Asuncion, John
Luo, Rongsheng
Sangkapichai, Mana

Via Teleconference:

Alvarez, Grace	RCTC
Behtash, Armand	Caltrans, District 12
Brady, Mike	Caltrans Headquarters
Cacatian, Ben	VCAPCD
Cooper, Keith	ICF international
Crow, Jason	ARB
Drummonds, Eyvonne	SCAQMD
Gallo, Ilene	Caltrans, District 11
Joshi, Melissa	Caltrans, District 7
Kratovil, Aimee	FHWA
Kuo, Ryan	SCAG
Lay, Keith	LSA Associate
Malisos, Achilles	RBF Consulting
O'Connor, Karina	EPA, Region 9
Phung, Kenneth	City of Perris, Riverside County
Sandy, Chris	City of Perris, Riverside County
Taylor, John	ARB
Torres, Eddie	RBF Consulting
Walecka, Carla	TCA
Wohosky, Fred	MDAQMD
Yoon, Andrew	Caltrans, District 7
Zamora, Cherry	Dokken Engineering

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Lori Abrishami, Metro, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Item

3.1.1 TCWG May 24, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

4.1 Review of PM Hot Spot Interagency Review Forms

1) ORA_001105

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

2) RIV011205

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

3) SB200852, SB2011103, and SB201183

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

4) SBD_20110602

It was determined that this is not a POAQC.

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters, noted that the form had been prepared for both PM2.5 and PM10 although the project is located in Mojave Desert area and only analysis for PM10 is required. Nonetheless, project sponsor does not need to make any corrections nor re-submit the form.

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4.2 Review of PM Hot Spot Qualitative Analyses

1) RIV031218

The analysis deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation.

2) RIV071267

The analysis deemed acceptable for NEPA circulation.

In addition, it was determined that if the final alternative is one of the alternatives presented, the report will be still deemed adequate for PM conformity purposes and the report will not need to be brought back to the TCWG for further review.

4.3 PM Quantitative Analysis Method and Assumptions

Andrew Yoon, Caltrans District 7, presented the proposed method and assumptions of PM Quantitative Analysis for a project in the High Desert area of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties.

TCWG concurred with the following proposed analytical method and assumptions, pending further discussion on data and detailed methodology:

- 2040 is appropriate as an analysis year because it is expected to have the highest emission in that year.
- EMFAC2007 will be used for the emission analysis; however, EMFAC2010 can also be used if available and required.
- Only applicable to the 24-hour PM₁₀ NAAQS (150µg/m³).
- Emissions to be analyzed: direct exhaust, brake and tire wear, and re-entrained road dust (using 2011 AP-42).
- 2 miles is an appropriate range to identify nearby sources for this project.
- Receptors near sensitive locations outside the proposed project area will be placed in a grid format with a range of 10 meters. Receptors for the non-sensitive area will be placed with a wider spacing of 50 meters in a grid format.
- The meteorological and background monitoring site-specific data from Victorville monitoring station and AERMOD-ready meteorological data from MDAQMD or ARB, which had been used for another project in the area, are appropriate and adequate to be used for this analysis. TCWG suggested using

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the upper air data from Edward AFB instead of the data from Mercury-Desert Rock Airport in Mercury, NV.

4.4 **FTIP Update**

John Asuncion, SCAG, reported the following:

- 2011 FTIP Amendment # 8 and Administration Modification #9 had received state approval on June 23 and June 10 respectively. Amendment #8 was pending federal approval
- Amendment #10 was under analysis by SCAG staff and expected to be posted on SCAG website by the end of the week for a 15-day public review.

4.5 **RTP Update**

Ryan Kuo, SCAG, reported the following:

- Networks for the 2012 RTP is under coding process to reflect input received from CTCs for the long range projects. Staff is working with CTCs to complete the project input soon.
- Model changes to FTIP projects are expected to be solicited through the FTIP Consistency Amendment starting next week. The deadline for the submittal is August 1. In respond to a question, Mr. Kuo, stated that project lists will be sent out to TIP staff for all CTCs. CTCs will be able to make any model changes based on information in the spreadsheet.
- A series of RTP workshops will be held throughout the region from July 13 through mid-August. The complete schedule can be found on the SCAG RTP website.

4.6 **EPA Update**

Karina O'Connor, EPA, reported the following:

- The Federal Register Notice on the Re-proposal of the South Coast PM2.5 SIP is expected to be signed later this week. The notice will be sent out to all stakeholders including FHWA, SCAG, and Caltrans on the same day.

4.7 **ARB Update**

Jason Crow, ARB, reported the following:

- The PM2.5 SIP Revision was presented to the ARB Board in April. The SIP Revision reflected the adoption of the In-Use Truck & Bus and Off-road Equipment Regulations and included new conformity budgets.
- The 8-hour Ozone SIP Revision and technical corrections to the PM2.5 conformity budgets would be presented to the ARB Board on July 21. Staff report was released last week and available on ARB website.

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- The new EMFAC is expected to be released around the end of July.

4.8 Air Districts Update

Eyvonne Drummonds, SCAQMD, reported the following:

- Work on the 2012 AQMP for both Ozone and PM2.5 had begun and the advisory group meeting would start in late July.

5.0 **INFORMATION SHARING**

Aimee Kratovil, FHWA, announced that she had accepted a new position as a Special Assistant to the Division Administrator in the same office. As a result, effective July 5th, she will no longer be responsible for air quality and conformity review for the SCAG region. The duty will be transferred to either Stew Sonnenberg or Joseph Vaughn. More detailed information will be announced later.

6.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

The next Transportation Conformity Working Group meeting will be held on July 26, 2011 at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.